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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

13 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
November 4, 1953

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

J. Edgar Hoover

Attached herewith is the copy of a letter dated November 1, 1953, written by one [REDACTED] wherein she attacks the personal character of the Director. The unfounded statement is obviously the work of a distorted mind.

There is considerable information in the Bureau files concerning [REDACTED]. She is sort of a self-appointed critic and would be authority on Communist matters. She identifies herself as the "Committee of a Million" and sometimes as "[REDACTED] Telshow". She monitors television show and reads newspapers and periodicals for any information which she might consider as Communistic. She writes voluminous letters to sponsors of radio programs as well as to radio and television officials.

She called me on the telephone yesterday in regard to the Director's article appearing in the November 1, 1953, issue of "This Week" concerning ex-Communists furnishing information concerning the Communist Party. I tried to explain to her the purpose of the article, but it was impossible to even attempt to reason with her.

No investigation of her was ever made by this office. She claims to be a niece of General Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright IV. It is believed that she was at one time a script writer for one of the motion picture studios, but was dismissed when she became argumentative and prejudicial in her work.

Enclosed also is a copy of a letter, the original of which she sent to Mr. Hoover, which was received at this office from HARRY MEYER, Public Relations man for the America Legion, 1815, South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. Mr. MEYER is a good friend of the Bureau and was very much disturbed over the letter. He offered to place the full resources of the American Legion at the disposal of the Bureau in publicly denouncing [REDACTED] as a "blackpot."

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... it cannot be expected that much satisfaction will
be derived from a person of [REDACTED] mentality, I would like
to say to all men an set out thinking straight in
the attack upon the personal character of the Director.

Very respectfully,

/s/ John A. Malone

JOHN A. MALONE
Special Agent in Charge

"... TO THE POINT OF SET UP!"
MALONE

"... BUT I DOUBT IF IT WILL ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING AS S-E IS
... ALL THIS."

HOOVER

Edward J. Hoover, Jr., Investigation
Room 100, 510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 12, California.

November 1, 1953

Dear Sir,

I should like to report that I feel sure I am not alone in believing that J. Edgar Hoover's article "Breaking the Communist Spell" published in the November 1st issue of "This Week" will prove to be the greatest break the Communist Party has had in any one room!

First of all, this article, in it's one-sided appeal, very definitely antagonized all anti-Communists! Mr. Hoover's indiscriminate compassion for all transgressors will, we feel sure, result in making the opportune and insincere (who, let's face it! represent a large percentage of Communists and ex-Communists!) it to see which way the wind will blow for their best advantage! After all, not do they otta lose? Any time they decide it's most politic, and the Mr. Hoover! These people deserve the nation's respect, and their neighbor's fair-minded forgiveness for their past devotion to Communism." (Quick, Henry... the soda tablets!.. am rip that picture of J. Edgar off the wall, huh?) "Their means of livelihood, Mr. Hoover, leave you for this one statement alone!" "And loyal Americans must accept their sincere repentance" (Sure! After they've collected a million dollars as a return to the full scope of citizenship.) "All great religions teach that the sinner always redeems himself." (That's why I told Mr. Malone I'm going to join the Communist Party Tomorrow! I'll "redeem" myself after I've made enough money to live on and educate my boy! Dig this guy Hoover! Dig him under, that is! How dare he talk to us like that!) "Who then shall sit in judgment on the ex-Communists?" (Why, the man who was stronger than he, of course!!) "Who dare deny him the promise held out to those who repent of the evil they have done and who try to make amends!" (You tell J. Edgar Hoover that the people who dare deny the Communists the insincere "amends" which they joke about at Hollywood parties are the people who have bought for years the Communist stories that J. Edgar Hoover is not a homo-sexual, that if it had not been for his deviant proclivities so many of them could not have gotten in to the State Department! And please tell this mush-mouthed thug-chaser (whose platitudinous copy he surely hope he does not write!) that the Communists have spread the story of his parties in the Knickerbocker so far and wide that he'd better hear our revelations as much as he does theirs!)

J. Edgar Hoover, and the rest of you FBI guys get paid plenty for the sleuthing you do. Remember that we get "not paid" for what we have done, and fighting Communism, that is! and a reverence of the word "contentious". I agree with the FBI on this, and you'll find that, like all patriots, I am on edge when I come to a place where either you betray your country quietly and gracefully, or you are called "stubborn" and "difficult". May I never cease to be as "difficult" at this!

The soldiers who died made the greatest sacrifice of all, of course! I write and remind people every day that we did this strength and light to charnel lands in honest pursuit of our stern intent. I wrote of my brother, whom I loved so very much, "Under the shining banners and the embracing vines, he lies, in the shadow of the clouds, sleeping through sunshine and through storm. The earth may run red with other wars, but he has found his peace. No tears for the dead! Tears for the living!....but who has pity for us?"

ENCLOSURE

... (...) which say how many of
... are the lepers,
... lieve city, poke about
... with first major, ivole plenish...
... no one in Hollywood dare touch!

...not the "first" one who is charged as! Mr. Donald Jackson
did a pretty good job of that! He solicited the aid of the loyal artists
in 1961 to help him in his 1962 campaign. We ran up our phone bills..we gave
him some of our own time..we put our names on a list to support him, which is
not a very good idea to receive a callist! When Don Jackson made one feeble
attempt to get elected, stating that "Hollywood has been cleaned
up," he was called a liar (Check this!) and said "I am only won't
be elected..I would be a son of a bitch, but I won't even vote for him!"
When he got to the television artists I had recruited that
"his" was just strategy--one he got in, he would really rip into the B's."
He claimed that he had done anything, but! I am mortified that I should
have caused so many loyal artists so to compromise themselves! When we
were over, (after he threw that big ball of white-wash all over
Harry Belafonte, Lucille Ball, and Hollywood in general) that Jackson was paid
off by many agents which passed under the table between Mendel Silverberg of
Columbia, who agreed to release the Parks films to TV, and the picture
interests which had a big stake in Lucille Ball (athing which no one would
ever be able to prove or disprove, if it happened to be true!) I wrote
Donald Jackson, and told him I wanted his written answer to the many people
who had been led to go out on a limb to elect him. He telephoned Miss
Commandini (Check This!) and said 'he had to represent all people in his
district not left and right, and he had been misquoted.'. I told her to
tell him that this wasn't what I had studied in college about representative
government, no, if misquoted, why didn't he issue a retraction. As in I
demanded his written explanation to the artists who has so branded themselves
to elect him. No answer has been forth coming. Quod est demonstrandum! The
best logical explanation for Mr. Jackson's actions that I can see is
that he is a vain man who is getting a charge out of being the darling of
the movie colony, both famous and infamous! Pardon me if I lapse into the
"big word" "laugh!"

of course we are fanatics! This is the stock in trade of all dramatists. It is also the thing which made Franklin Roosevelt hold a nation in the palm of his treiterous hand for twenty years! It was this sense of drama and staging which made Goetzels build a sign-painter, by modern display methods, with big statistics behind him, into what his world believed to be a superman! Of course we are fanatics! What patriot isn't? It was an unnatural zeal, an unrealistic determination to win which shook the rafters of that flimsy church when Patrick Henry cried out "I know not what others may think, but as for me...give me Liberty or give me death!"

"A good American has anything but comradeship for someone like Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, or Martin Berkley. I spoke only a few days ago to Peter Dixon who told me "Milton Merlin has done everything possible to make up for his mistakes. "And my reply was "Has Milton gone to the FBI and told them voluntarily all that he knows?...Tell him to do this, Peter, if he wants us to trust him again; "W. say this over and over again, urging people to do so to you, who are the proper authority, leading truthfully that no malice is borne toward someone who voluntarily tells what he knows. But, we not asking to trust the word of a rat caught in a trap! How can we? Leonid Perry (who has been, we are told, seen at many Communist rallies since he supposedly reformed) says "It haven't worked since I talked "W. is he really saying... way, just what the Party wants him to

any "I'm a s... it... it won't say anything, see!"

... children say regard us as failures (which hurts most of all!) ... you ... we have run ... reference, collected evidence ... in the side of a monster. ... now, when it takes ... all our years of efforts in ... the public from its ... it takes J. Edgar Hoover to discredit the ... of Hollywood (by omission, if nothing else!) You get your ... from now on. We're giving ours to Joe McCarthy.. the only ... to admit ... on "Skunk Hunt".....

The Communists have told us for years that
J. Edgar Hoover is a no homo-sexual, and
claim to have seen him in action at
parties at the Knickerbocker Hotel. If they
have this axe over him, he is no good for an
FBI head. Maybe he better be investigated!

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

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FROM :

Information Concerning

T. E. L. AR HOOVER

Reference is made to the attached letter dated November 1, 1953, from S/C Malone, in which he sets forth a rather vicious attack which [redacted] made on the personal character of the Director and the Director's article, "Breaking the Communist Spell", which appeared in this week magazine. You suggested that Malone see [redacted] and have her "put up or shut up". The Director indicated that he thought such action was all right but he doubted if it would accomplish anything as [redacted] was obviously a mentally ill person.

I spoke to S/C Malone on Saturday, November 7, 1953, and told him to interview [redacted] and have her "put up or shut up." Malone stated he would take care of this matter promptly and advise me [redacted] accordingly.

J. R. [redacted]

J. R. [redacted]

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FBI's Hoover

At 58 Top G-Man Is Still
Tough, Active Officer of Law

By **DOUGLAS LARSEN**
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8—Recently a dangerous felon who was arrested by the FBI blinked twice, and perhaps felt honored, when he recognized the first man through the door as none other than J. Edgar Hoover.

Scant information on the arrest was released. And the FBI adamantly refuses to discuss details of any of Hoover's trips.

But there remain two interesting aspects to the event.

It's apparent that the FBI today no longer takes a bashful part in any great whoop-to-do about fairly important arrests—especially those involving Hoover personally.

Second, it's an insight into Hoover's personality. In the early days Hoover's personal participation in raids was first publicly dramatized after former Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D. Tenn.) suggested in a committee meeting that the FBI director was shy of personal courage.

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, Hoover personally arrested gangster Alvin Karpis in New Orleans. Karpis had threatened to come into the Department of Justice and kill him. McKellar's comment was actually a coincidence because Hoover had been on raids before.

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The Karpis affair was a sort of comedy of errors. Karpis came out of his surrounded house before Hoover was set and startled the No. 1 G-man. Karpis was far more startled to see Hoover and almost fainted with fright. Someone had forgotten handcuffs.

They had to use neckties for Karpis and Karpis had to direct them to the jail.

But the public reaction suited Hoover and convinced him that personal appearance

at raids were good for Bureau morale. He has thus maintained the practice.

On raids today, at 58, Hoover still cuts an impressive figure as a tough, active officer of the law, with his flattened nose, husky build and aggressive energy.

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Week-Week Edition
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Forwarded by Triples.

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*Re: Special Article
on Director.*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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J. Edgar Hoover

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PERFILES

WHERE HIS thick black hair has begun to get gray he has it close clipped. He talks fast and walks with startling speed. He recently got his weight back down to 180, and is forced to periodic stringent diets. He still bounces around the country in important cases, or just to make a surprise check of one of his 82 field offices.

He's considered a better-than-average pistol shot and still visits the range periodically. He has not relaxed physical fitness regulations for headquarters' executives, but now confines his own exercise to long walks and a little fishing. He has given up tennis.

He continues to keep a close check on important cases and each morning reads a special summary of the night's activities of his agents. He then dictates long letters and does a lot of long-distance

phoning to his 6200 agents around the country. But a total of 14,000 personnel in the bureau prohibits him from keeping the same minute inspection of the agency's activities he once maintained.

He devotes most of his time to cases involving Communists and subversive activities.

MOST OF HIS non-office time, when he's not traveling, is spent in his fairly large, comfortable brick house in an exclusive Rock Creek Park section of Washington. The house is loaded with antiques and choice pieces of bronze he has collected.

As Washington's most famous native son, his closest friends are old-time Washingtonians.

Washington hostesses long ago gave up trying to produce the famous G-man at parties. A man can't turn in a decent day's work and tear around all night, he says. He sees a movie sometimes, watches the Washington Senators play baseball on TV, and when in New York goes to a night club.

During the Maryland racing season he manages to get to the track occasionally.

HE ATTENDS the National Presbyterian church regularly when in town and seldom misses a service when on trips. He also devotes some time to boys' organizations. He is a trustee of George Washington University and a member of

the board of directors of the Boys' Clubs of America.

It's standard procedure in the FBI that no one hesitates to call Hoover at home on a private line anytime during the night if something important comes up. He never seems to go to bed, and usually is called a couple of times a night.

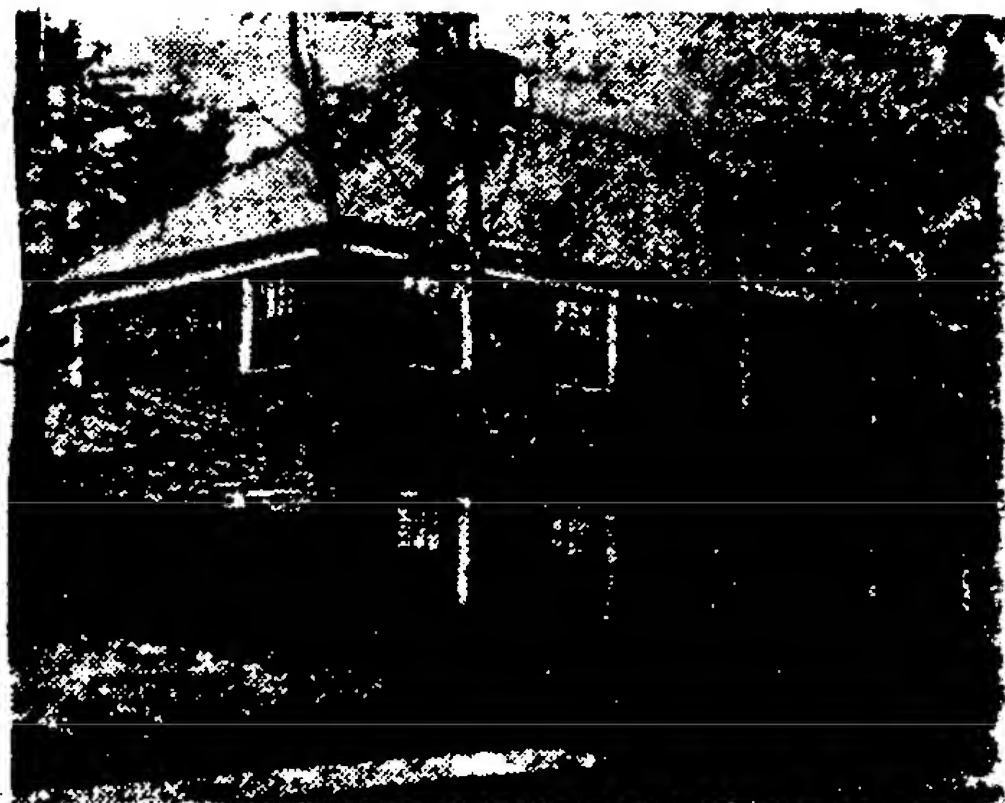
There used to be almost constant speculation on whom and when Hoover might marry. Most close friends now agree that he's a dedicated bachelor. Hoover's job and personal life are so intertwined, it's said, no woman could work her way between the two.

CIRCUMSTANCES of his early life kept him from marrying then. His dad died when he was young. And although Hoover has a sister, now married, and a brother now dead, care of his mother fell mostly on his shoulders. He lived with her in the modest house in which he was born in southeast Washington until her death shortly before the start of World War II.

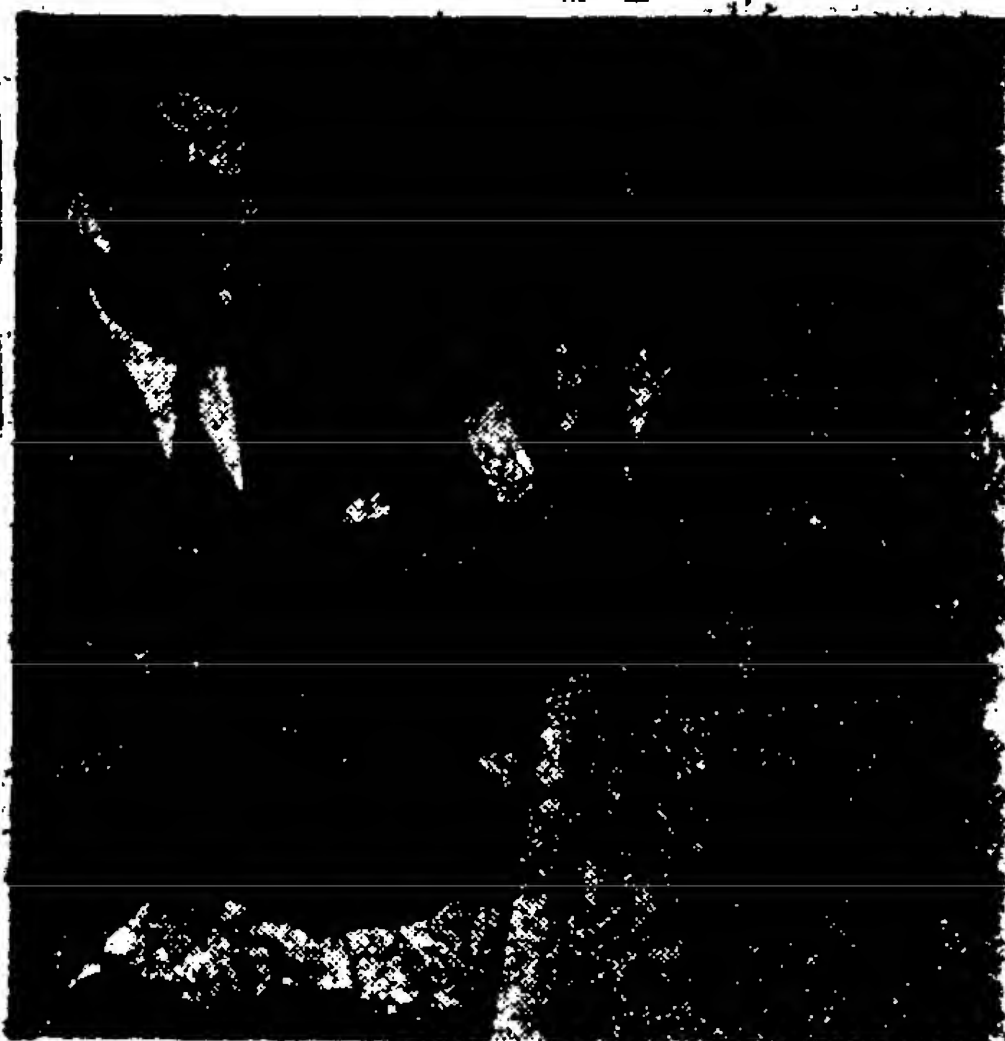
Today Hoover enjoys good health. He has only had two major illnesses, an attack of pneumonia which almost killed him and a less serious case of shingles. He has survived three changes of administration, and presidents and attorneys general and persons who have had designs on his job have long since given up.

J. Edgar Hoover today appears imperishable.

(The End)



BACHELOR HOME—In this brick house in Washington's Rock Creek Park section, J. Edgar Hoover works many nights.



CONGRATULATIONS—Outside work for FBI chief includes work with boys groups. Here he meets Norman Sizemore, 22, of Battle Creek, Mich., who won a school basketball saving medal.

FBI's Hoover

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By DOUGLAS LARSEN
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WASHINGTON Oct. 7

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STONE SAW the possibilities in Hoover which today accounts for one of the most amazing active careers in federal service. A 29-year-old fireball, Hoover was the nattiest dresser in the Department, kept his thick crop of black hair neatly plastered down and attacked detail work like a real beaver.

Stone and Hoover saw eye-to-eye on what the bureau needed. The ex-cons, riff-raff and political hangers-on had to be booted out. A merit system of promotion was needed. Top caliber new men had to be recruited.

Stone gave Hoover full authority to make all changes and the results today are common knowledge to every school child—the prestige of FBI agents, the smashing of the lawless gangs of the '30s, the prevention of all enemy directed domestic sabotage during World War II, the successful fight against the Commie menace.

One of Hoover's first acts in the bureau was to eliminate "buzzard's roost," a room where the loafers congregated to swap dirty stories and help polish off the bottle which every returning agent was expected to furnish.

HOOVER WAS as repulsed by the immorality ~~as the~~ "roost" as much as he was by the time it wasted. A deeply religious motivation accounts for many things Hoover has done in his career. His pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson of the National Presbyterian Church explains:

"His great-great uncle, John Hitz, was the first Swiss minister to the U. S. and a robust Calvinist. Hoover, born in Washington New Year's day



HOOVER TAKES OVER
1924, he was a "fireball"

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Miss Gandy _____

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Indianapolis, Indiana

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of 1893, remembers his great uncle reading the Bible aloud and leading prayers. His most cherished possessions are the finger-worn Scriptures of his mother, and the New Testament he won for Biblical memory work."

Everyone assumed young J. Edgar would go into ministry. He taught a Sunday school class, sang in the choir and did many chores around the church.

HERO OF HIS youth was Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, his preacher who played baseball with the neighborhood boys of Southeast Washington and led many youth activities. Dr. MacLeod was Hoover's closest confidant, next to his mother and after his father died.

Hoover's early religious activity, spurred by his mother, lessened only slightly after he entered the District's Central High School. When the later-famous football coach, "Biff" Jones, had to tell Hoover that his slender 100-pound frame couldn't stand the gaff, Hoover concentrated on the cadet corps and his studies.

He picked up the nickname "Speed," not for athletic prowess, but for the way he became captain of the corps and class valedictorian.

FAMILY FINANCES—his dad had been a minor government official—diverted Hoover from the ministry. He took a job as clerk at the Library of Congress and entered night classes at George Washington University. A library official recalls:

"I never saw such an eager, hard-working boy. I'm sure he would be chief librarian today if he had stayed with us."

By maintaining his rigid work-school routine through summers Hoover won his LL.B., with honors in 1916 and Master of Laws from G. W. in 1917.

Hoover got around socially to join Kappa Alpha fraternity. Actor William Gaxton, who was a KA and used to stay at the Chapter house when he passed through Washington, recalls that when Hoover was fraternity president "Speed chastized us with his morality."

IN 1917 Hoover joined the Department of Justice and began moving up fast. In 1919 Mitchell Palmer made him a special assistant in charge of deporting aliens under the Sedition Act. In 1921 he was appointed assistant director of the old Bureau of Investigation. Most of Hoover's activities since are well documented.

However, some of the old-timers recall a few anecdotes from the early days which give a new insight into the man. A few persons called him "Speed" then. Most of them still called him just "Edgar." Since before the war it has usually been "Mister Hoover" to the expanded staff.

ONE FAMOUS clerk remembers how Hoover came into his office and gave him a real dressing-down because he had his office shade down too far. Hoover said it gave the building a mean look from the outside.

Another recalls how Hoover would go down the hall about five in the evening, rounding up the bureau baseball team for practice. "He would be umpire, then" the man says, "and you can bet nobody argued over a decision."

A former secretary in his office remembers that Hoover would sometimes fail to return promptly from lunch. "When this happened we knew he was at Sloan's auction house buying some old piece of bronze and had forgotten what time it was," she says. "He loves antiques."

(Next: Hoover as he is today.)

One Of His First Cleanups Was 'Buzzard's Roost' In Bureau



FBI CHIEF—For his fight against communists, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's J. Edgar Hoover gave his name to the 'Red Scare'.

Hoover of the FBI

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BY DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Two hoodlums sat in a black sedan parked on a dusty Oklahoma highway. They calmly debated whether or not to shoot the horrified man who lay trussed and gagged on the back floor. Events in that case were taking place exactly 20 years ago this month. "Machine Gun" Kelly was one of the hoodlums. The trussed victim was wealthy oil man Charles F. Urschel.

The career of J. Edgar Hoover hung in the balance during that discussion, political historians claim.

Both Kelly and Urschel are alive today. Kelly, incidentally, is trying right now to get the Oklahoma charge against him settled so he can apply for a parole from the life sentence he is serving in Leavenworth.

Fortunately for Hoover and Urschel, Kelly decided that because he and his pal had the \$200,000 ransom in hand there was no sense to add murder to the crime. Unfortunately for Kelly, Hoover took personal charge of the case, turned in a brilliant investigating and detective job, and cracked it wide open.

At that time in 1933, shortly after the Roosevelt administration took over, stories were afloat that Hoover was to be fired. He had doggedly refused to accept political appointees in his bureau. A lot of persons were saying Hoover had gotten too big for his britches. Political boss Jim Farley apparently shared that opinion, although he later had a complete change of mind.

But after Hoover's brilliant solution of the Urschel kidnapping, no politician would have dared fire him.

Today Hoover can look back on the earlier, stormy days of the FBI—and his own future—with great equanimity.

He has survived three changes of administration, served under seven presidents. He is now working for his 15th attorney general—a phenomenon of federal job-holding never before matched. It's even more unusual because ever since his days in the department of justice during the Mitcham



HOOPER ON THE FBI. The gross is paid to him.

Palmer anarchist raids of 1919, Hoover's work has kept him in the center of many vital, controversial national issues.

Even the toll of 55 years has been mild on him. The high school nickname of "Speed" still applies. He's very active, traveling around the country constantly. He's up on most details of the bureau's work. A growing fondness for good restaurants has added to his former slim figure. But his thick mass of black hair is well intact and his voice is still hoarse with the same gravelly tone.

There are many who say that Hoover's job is more important than ever before.

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The Fabulous Career of Nations' Top Gangbuster

didates gave campaign pledges to keep him in office. And he gets unbelievably kind treatment before congressional appropriations committees. All other executives get kicked around on the Hill but they love Hoover there, maybe for statements like the following, made before the house appropriations committee:

"The amount of fines, savings, recoveries affected, and claims settled in favor of the government exceeded operating costs (\$91,595,559) by \$25,412,786. Over 10 years that excess totals \$122,000,000."

Few U. S. bureau chiefs can make that claim. It inspired Rep. Cliff Clevenger (R., Ohio) to say to Hoover after the hearing:

"I wish to thank you. I wish I knew of some other administrators just one-tenth as good as you are."

Hoover's war on crime reveals practically no defeats. Only two men—possibly three—can lay fair claim to having beaten him.

Only one man from the original list of the 10 Most Wanted Fugitives remains at large. He is Henry Randolph Mitchell wanted for the robbery of a Williston, Fla., bank in 1948.

The other man who outsmarted Hoover is an unidentified truck driver. He found Hoover putting on his front lawn and sold him a half-load of sheep manure for \$30. Next day Hoover was outraged to learn from his assistant, Clyde A. Tolson, a man with some agricultural background, that the



HENRY R. MITCHELL: Only one of the 10 still loose.



HOOVER ON THE JOB: He takes personal charge of the cases, as he did (above) in the Cash kidnaping in 1933.

manure was just clay and sawdust.

Gaston B. Means, a G-man of the corrupt, pre-Hoover vintage, might be considered a third to have beaten him. Hoover sent him to Leavenworth for swindling Evalyn Walsh McLean out of \$100,000 in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Later, apparently bored with Leavenworth life, Means sent Hoover a note claiming the money was in a pipe in the Potomac. Hoover immediately put navy divers on the job. Then Means sent another note admitting the first was a gag. Hoover fumed and Means died before the money could be located.

Fulfilling his campaign promise, Ike didn't touch Hoover's job, and, further, no one of the new team dreamed of patronage in the FBI.

Some students of Hoover's career claim there's a lot of luck in it. The Machine Gun Kelly case, for instance. Others say it's plain hard work.

When denounced on the floor of the house of representatives for allegedly being responsible for the 1919 Red raids, he was met with a bill to permit the firing of Morris Katzeff, the attorney who defended the group of plotters, sent a message to congress asserting that Hoover had not been in the raids and that he was a prosecutor he had been in the

On the day the house voted Emma Goldman, who was connected with them, was reported to congress as a radical, "at least J. Edgar Hoover was fair to me."

He was violently attacked on the senate floor by the late Sen. George Norris of Nebraska for the way the FBI handled the arrest of a group of left-wingers in Detroit in 1940. Norris called Hoover "the greatest enemy of the American people."

But Hoover's record as a general and as a prime minister's son, speaking in his own defense.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Gearty _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Mr. Sizoo _____
 Miss Gandy _____

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'Buzzard's Roost'

Hoover's First Clean-up

PART II

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Stone and Hoover saw eye to eye on what the bureau needed. The ex-cons, rif-raff and political hangers-on had to be booted out. A merit system of promotion was needed. Top caliber new men had to be recruited. And the bureau's business had to be run honestly and according to professional police procedures.



HOOVER TAKES OVER: In 1924, he was a "fireball."

ity to make all changes and the results today are common knowledge to every school child—the prestige of FBI agents, the smashing of the lawless gangs of the '30s, the prevention of all enemy directed domestic sabotage during World War II, the successful fight against the Communists. One of Hoover's first acts in the bureau was to eliminate "buzzard's roost," a room where the

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stories and help polish off the few dances and drink bottle which every returning agent was expected to furnish.

Hoover was as repulsed by the immorality of the "roost" as he was by the time it wasted. A deeply religious motivation accounts for many things Hoover has done in his career. His pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Wilson of the National Presbyterian church, explains:

"His great great uncle, John Fitz, was the first Swiss minister to the United States, and a robust Calvinist. Hoover, born in Washington New Year's day of 1895, remembers his great uncle reading the Bible aloud and leading prayers. His most cherished possessions are the finger-worn Scriptures of his mother, and the New Testament he won for Biblical memory work."

Everyone assumed young J. Edgar would go into ministry. He taught a Sunday school class, sang in the choir and did many chores around the church.

Hero of his youth was Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, his preacher who played baseball with the neighborhood boys of southeast Washington and led many youth activities. Dr. MacLeod was Hoover's closest confidant, next to his mother and after his father died.

Hoover's early religious activity, spurred by his mother, lessened only slightly after he entered the District's Central high school. When the later famous football coach, "Biff" Jones, had

to tell Hoover that his slender, 100-pound frame couldn't stand the gaff, Hoover concentrated on the cadet corps and his studies.

He picked up the nickname "Speed," not for athletic prowess, but for the way he became captain of the corps and class valedictorian. The corps was a sort of social organization and young Hoover was encouraged to attend

Friends recall that he remained a very conservative lad and "always was perfectly wonderful to his mother."

Family finances—his dad had been a minor government official—diverted Hoover from the ministry. He took a job as clerk at the Library of Congress and attended night classes at George Washington university. A library official recalls:

"I never saw such an eager, hard working boy. I'm sure he would be chief librarian today if he had stayed with us."

By maintaining his rigid school routine through summer Hoover won his LL.B. with honors in 1916 and master of laws from GW in 1917.

A classmate says of Hoover during those days:

"He was slim, dark and intense. He sat off by himself against the wall and always had the answer. None of us got to know him very well."

Hoover got around enough socially to join Kappa Alpha fraternity. After William Gordon, who was a KA and used to stay at the chapter house when he passed through Washington, calls that when Hoover was fraternity president, "he confided in with his members."

In 1917 Hoover joined the department of justice and began moving up fast. In 1918 Palmer made him a special assistant in charge of deporting aliens under the sedition act. In 1921 he was appointed assistant director of the old bureau of investigation. Most of Hoover's activities since are well documented.

However, some of the old-timers recall a few anecdotes from the early days which give a new insight into the man. A friend once called him "Speed" then.



HOOVER FOR FBI CHIEF: For his fight against communism, the American Legion's Edwin King gave him a medal this year.

them still called him just "Edgar." Since before the war it has usually been "Mister Hoover" to the expanded staff.

One famous clerk remembers how Hoover came into his office and gave him a real dressing down because he had his office shade down too far. Hoover said it gave the building a mean look from the outside.

Another recalls how Hoover would go down the hall about 5 in the evening, rounding up the bureau baseball team for practice.

"He would be happy, then," the man says, "and you can bet anybody argued over a decision."

A former secretary in his office remembers that Hoover would sometimes fail to return promptly from lunch. "When this happened we knew he was at Stan's sporting house buying some old piece of bric-a-brac and had forgotten what time it was," she says. "He would be late."

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PART III

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here's the last of three dispatches on the fabulous career of J. Edgar Hoover, whose record as head of the FBI is a phenomenon of federal job-holding never before matched in Washington history.

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Recently a dangerous felon who was arrested by the FBI blinked twice, and perhaps felt honored, when he recognized the first man through the door as none other than J. Edgar Hoover.

Scant information on the arrest was released. And the FBI adamantly refuses to discuss details of any of Hoover's trips.

But there remain two interesting aspects to the event.

It's apparent that the FBI today no longer takes a bashful part in any great whoop-to-do about fairly important arrests—especially those involving Hoover personally.

Second, it's an insight into Hoover's personality. In the early days Hoover's personal participation in raids was first publicly dramatized after former Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D., Tenn.) suggested in a committee meeting that the FBI director was shy of personal courage.

Shortly thereafter, Hoover personally arrested gangster Alvin Karpis in New Orleans. Karpis had threatened to come into the department of justice and kill him. McKellar's comment was actually a coincidence because Hoover had been on raids before.

The Karpis affair was a sort of comedy of errors. Karpis came out of his surrounded house before Hoover was set and startled the No. 1 G-man. Karpis was far more startled to see Hoover and almost fainted with fright. Someone had forgotten handcuffs. They had to use neckties for Karpis and Karpis had to direct them to the car.

But the public reaction suited Hoover and convinced him that personal appearances at raids were good for bureau morale. He has thus maintained the practice.

On raids today, at 58, Hoover still cuts an impressive figure as a tough, active officer of the law with his flattened nose, husky build and aggressive energy.

Where his thick black hair has begun to get gray he has it combed. He talks fast and walks with startling speed. He recently got his weight back down to 180, and is forced to periodic stringent diets. He still bothers around the country in important cases, or just to make a surprise check of one of his 52 field offices.

He's considered a better-than-average pistol shot and still visits the range periodically. He has set relaxed physical fitness regulations for headquarters executives, but now confines his own exercise to long walks and little jogging. He has given up smoking.

He continues to keep a close check on important cases and each morning reads a long summary of the night's activities of his Agents. He then writes long letters and does a lot of long-distance phoning to his agents around the country. He is also a very busy person.

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...prohibits him from keeping the same minute inspection of the agency's activities he once maintained.

He devotes most of his time to cases involving Communists and subversive activities.

Most of his non-office time, when he's not traveling, is spent in his fairly large, comfortable brick house in an exclusive Rock Creek park section of Washington. The house is loaded with antiques and choice pieces of bronze he has collected.

As Washington's most famous native son, his closest friends are old-time Washingtonians. They call him "Speed" from high school days. He has them over to his house for dinner once in a while and eats with them at one of the several old-time restaurants he patronizes.

Washington hostesses long ago gave up trying to produce the famous G-man at parties. A man can't turn in a decent day's work and tear around all night, he says. He sees a movie sometimes, watches the Washington Senators play baseball on TV, and when in New York goes to a night club. During the Maryland racing season he manages to get to the track occasionally. But most of the time at home he's going over bureau work which he carries in a locked briefcase.

He attends the National Presbyterian church regularly when in town and seldom misses a service when on trips. He also devotes some time to boys' organizations.

He is a trustee of George Washington university and a member of the board of directors of the Boys' Clubs of America.

It's standard procedure in the FBI that no one hesitates to call Hoover at home on a private line anytime during the night if something important comes up. He never seems to go to bed, and usually is called a couple of times a night.

There used to be almost constant speculation on when and

when Hoover might marry. Most close friends now agree that he's a dedicated bachelor. Hoover's job and personal life are so intertwined, it's said, no woman could work her way between the two.

Circumstances of his early life kept him from marrying then. His dad died when he was young. And although Hoover has a sister, now married, and a brother now dead, care of his mother fell mostly on his shoulders. He lived with her in the modest house in which he was born in southeast Washington until her death shortly before the start of World War I.

Today Hoover enjoys good health. He has only had two major illnesses, an attack of pneumonia which almost killed him and a long serious case of shingles. He has survived three changes of administration, seven presidents and 16 attorneys general, and those persons who once had designs on his job have long since given up.

J. Edgar Hoover today appears invulnerable.



OUTSIDE ACTIVITY FOR HOOVER includes work with boys' groups. Here the FBI chief meets Norman Bennett, 12, of Battle Creek, Mich., who won a school safety patrol life saving medal.



BACHELOR HOME FOR HOOVER is this brick house in Washington's Rock Creek Park section, where he works ~~uninterruptedly~~

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 10, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH of DIRECTOR

There is attached a revised copy of the Director's biographical sketch which, you will observe, has been held down to one page in accordance with our practice in the past.

In the event this is approved, 50 copies will be prepared and retained in the Crime Records Section for use as needed.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

September 15, 1953

John Edgar Hoover was born January 1, 1895, in the District of Columbia. He was educated in the public schools of the District of Columbia and received Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws Degrees from The George Washington University. He holds honorary degrees from The George Washington University, Pennsylvania Military College, New York University, Drake University, Westminster College, Oklahoma Baptist University, Georgetown University, Notre Dame University, St. John's University Law School, Rutgers University, the University of Arkansas, Seton Hall College, Holy Cross College and Marquette University. He holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law from the University of the South, and an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Kalamazoo College.

Mr. Hoover entered the Department of Justice in 1917, and in 1919 he was appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General. From 1921 until 1924 he served as Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation and in May, 1924, he was named Director.

Mr. Hoover is a member of the Masonic Order; Kappa Alpha Fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa; Delta Theta Phi; Alpha Phi Omega, and Zeta Sigma Pi. He is a member of many national and state-wide law enforcement associations. He is a trustee of The George Washington University; ~~a trustee of the National Presbyterian Church;~~ a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys' Clubs of America; a member of the National Committee on Public Relations of the Boy Scouts of America; and an Active Member of the Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay.

He has been admitted to practice law before the bar of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Claims, and the United States Supreme Court.

On March 8, 1946, Mr. Hoover was presented the Medal of Merit by the President of the United States. On December 30, 1951, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America presented Mr. Hoover "The Gold Medal of Merit" citation for "Outstanding service in safeguarding the security of the United States of America against Communist conspiracy and subversion."

On June 25, 1952, the Associated Credit Bureaus of America presented Mr. Hoover their Credit Award, "For distinguished contributions to the Advancement and Protection of the American Way of Life."

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On May 22, 1953, Mr. Hoover was presented with the Distinguished Service Citation of the All American Conference to Combat Communism, "for absolutely vital service rendered to the United States of America and to freedom everywhere in the world."

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ENCLOSURE

J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.
August 20, 1953

Transmitted herewith are photostatic copies of three notebooks, comprising a diary maintained sporadically from 1944 to 1949, inclusive, by [REDACTED]. Attention is directed to an entry contained on the eighth page of the diary indicated under the date of March 15, 1949, which reads as follows: "[REDACTED] gave me some very bad news about J. Edgar Hoover. I hope it is only gossip." It is noted the sentence following this entry reads, "Geo. suggests I see the President alone."

[REDACTED] was questioned concerning these diary entries, and advised that [REDACTED], during the 1948 Democratic Campaign and while on leave from the Washington, D. C., Police Department, was employed, along with his wife, at Democratic Headquarters in Washington on a volunteer basis. He related his contact with [REDACTED] continued into the year 1949, but has since terminated. [REDACTED] informed that on the approximate date of the entry [REDACTED] was discussing with him the fact that many individuals of prominence had been damaged in their reputations through the unbased repetition of rumors, and particularly rumors alleging homosexuality. He stated that in this conversation and on this basis [REDACTED] told him he had heard rumors linking the name of J. EDGAR HOOVER to this type of activity. [REDACTED] informed that [REDACTED] did not indicate that he, himself, was of this belief, but was merely relating a rumor which allegedly had been heard by him and which he related to [REDACTED] solely for the purpose of illustrating the type of harm which can, and does, result from the repetition of untrue and vicious rumors. [REDACTED] stated this was the only conversation of this type he had had with [REDACTED], and advised that the entry appearing in the diary has never been exhibited by him to anyone at any time. [REDACTED] also stated he has never discussed this matter with anyone, claiming he has refrained from so doing because of a feeling on his part that the rumor is not true.

[REDACTED] advised that the portion of the entry reading, "Geo. suggests I see the President alone", positively does not pertain to this matter in any way. He advised that actually this entry related to [REDACTED], former Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee. He stated the entry was made because [REDACTED], knowing [REDACTED] was to see the President, requested [REDACTED] to discuss a number of matters.

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[REDACTED] offered to destroy the page containing this entry or to give that page to Bureau Agents. Advise is desired as to the action which should be taken. Destruction of the original page would not result in a loss of its contents since, without [REDACTED]'s knowledge, a photostatic copy of the entire diary has been made. On the other hand, while there is no present indication that this page of the diary will be of interest in the [REDACTED] and related matters, the continuation of this situation cannot be positively foreseen.

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: 1. "WHAT HE DOES WITH IT IS HIS OWN DECISION.

2. I THINK [REDACTED] SHOULD BE CONTACTED AND TOLD TO PUT UP OR SHUT UP. HE IS A VICIOUS AND GARRULOUS OLD GOSSIP." H.

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: August 28, 1953

FROM : MR. ROSEN

Time of call: 11:45 a.m.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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SAC Powers, Miami, telephoned and advised he had just finished interviewing [REDACTED] personally in the Miami Field Office relative to the diary entry of [REDACTED] dated March 15, 1949, indicating that [REDACTED] had given some bad news concerning the Director. Powers stated that [REDACTED] seemed to be sincere when he vehemently denied ever having discussed with [REDACTED] any rumors of alleged homosexuality and how such rumors damaged individuals of prominence through unbased repetition. [REDACTED] said that he had never heard any such rumor concerning the Director and had such a high regard for the Bureau and the Director that he would not have repeated such a rumor had he heard it because he knew in his own mind that such an allegation was patently false.

[REDACTED] told Powers he felt certain he had not talked to [REDACTED] at all in March of 1949. [REDACTED] said that beginning in October, 1948, he had done volunteer work for the Democratic National Committee. He worked getting literature with a [REDACTED], then secretary of the Young Democrats of America. In December, 1948, the National Democratic Committee needed assistance in connection with the coming inauguration and [REDACTED] again volunteered his services in connection with the Truman-Barkley Clubs organization. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was actually treasurer of this organization and in such a capacity actually "ran the show." [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] talked him into resigning from his position on the Metropolitan Police Department with promises of doing greater things for him. [REDACTED] is presently bitter toward [REDACTED] because of his failure to fulfill his promises. [REDACTED] said he was certain he had not talked to [REDACTED] in March of 1949 because he remembered [REDACTED] becoming ill in February, 1949, and going to California. [REDACTED] himself secured a position with the Capitol Police beginning March 1, 1949, through Fred Kilguss, then Administrative Assistant to Senator McGrath. [REDACTED] is certain that he never talked to [REDACTED] after starting on this job.

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[REDACTED] said that he discussed the Director only on one occasion with [REDACTED]. He believed this was in December, 1948, when he was doing work in connection with the inauguration. At that time [REDACTED] had requested [REDACTED] of the Metropolitan Police Department to assign [REDACTED] to the Democratic National Committee for the purpose of escorting prominent individuals.

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at the time of the inauguration. [REDACTED] refused to do this and at that time [REDACTED] said he told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was a "small individual" and to illustrate pointed out that [REDACTED] was jealous of the reputation which the Director had and because of this jealousy would not even cooperate with the FBI. [REDACTED] reiterated that this was the only occasion when he made any reference to the Director in talking to [REDACTED]

In concluding, SAC Powers said that [REDACTED] reiterated his highest regard for the Director, pointing out that while he had never met the Director, he had taken it upon himself when assigned to the eighth precinct in Washington to drive his squad car past the Director's home on numerous occasions just to make certain that everything was all right. [REDACTED] who is now unemployed having recently resigned from the Miami Beach Police Department, reiterated his denial of ever talking to [REDACTED] as alleged by him and his denial that he had ever even heard the rumor which [REDACTED] attributed to him.

SAC Powers is submitting, under confidential cover, a letter incorporating full details of his interview with Perry.

Director, FBI

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SAC, Miami

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ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

J. EDGAR HOOVER

Re telephone call of Inspector Hugh Winterrowd, August 27, 1953, and my telephone call to Section Chief Courtney Evans, August 28, 1953.

On August 28, 1953, ██████████ came to the office and I interviewed him concerning the matter referred to me by Inspector Winterrowd. SA LEROY L. KUSCH was present during the interview.

I informed ██████████ of the allegations made in connection with the conversation he was reported to have had with ██████████ on or about March 15, 1949. ██████████ immediately denied that he ever had any such conversation with ██████████ and that he had ever heard of any such rumor or gossip concerning the Director. He indicated that he has always had the highest respect for the Director and the Bureau and that he would never be a part of any such conversation. In order to clarify his relations with ██████████, ██████████ furnished the following information.

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██████████ said that in about October, 1948, he decided to do some volunteer work with the Democratic National Committee and that he worked with ██████████, ██████████ of the Young Democrats of America, getting out literature in connection with the then approaching campaign. ██████████ said that in December, 1948, at which time ██████████ Clubs with headquarters at the Mayflower, ██████████ approached ██████████ of the Metropolitan Police Department and tried to get ██████████ assigned to escorting various dignitaries that came to Washington. ██████████ refused to so designate ██████████, and ██████████, according to ██████████, discussed this refusal with him. ██████████ said that he explained to ██████████ that he had never been particularly friendly with ██████████ that he did not particularly like him, and that he more or less was considered part of the ██████████ faction, it being noted that ██████████ was then an Inspector in the Metropolitan Police Department and was angling for the position of Major Superintendent.

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During this conversation, [REDACTED] said that he told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was disliked by many of the men on the Department and that he couldn't even get along with Mr. Hoover or the FBI. He said he voiced the opinion that [REDACTED] was jealous of Mr. Hoover. [REDACTED] stated emphatically that this is the only time in any of his conversations with [REDACTED] that the Director's name was mentioned.

He added that [REDACTED] then suggested that he resign from the Metropolitan Police Department, assured him that he would obtain for him some attractive governmental position, and in the meantime he should take the position as [REDACTED] of the national Truman-Barkley Clubs. [REDACTED] said that he did resign from the Metropolitan Police Department about January, 1949, and from then until approximately March, 1949, he worked with [REDACTED] at the Mayflower Hotel in connection with the national Truman-Barkley Clubs. He related that Governor TURNER of Oklahoma was Chairman of these clubs but that actually [REDACTED] was the driving force behind the organization. He also said that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]'s secretary and was thoroughly familiar with his relationship with [REDACTED] and that she could substantiate the nature of his dealings with [REDACTED], as well as give the exact dates involved.

[REDACTED] said that to the best of his recollection, [REDACTED] had a heart attack in February, 1949, which necessitated his going to California to recuperate. He averred that he is confident he did not even see [REDACTED] during March, 1949, to have any discussion with him. He claimed that he became very much disgusted with [REDACTED] when he did not live up to the promises he had made to obtain him a governmental post and that in [REDACTED], he obtained a job under Senator HOWARD McGRATH's patronage as a [REDACTED] for various hearings held before Congressional committees. He said that this patronage was obtained for him by FRED KILGUSS, then Administrative Assistant to Senator McGRATH, later associated with Mr. McGRATH while he was Attorney General, and presumably still with the Department of Justice.

[REDACTED] further stated that in August, 1949, he was reinstated to his position with the Metropolitan Police Department and that after rising to the rank of Probationary Detective, he again resigned in February, 1953. He then took a position with the Colonial Finance Company in Miami until several weeks

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ago when he was designated as [REDACTED] to the then Chief of Police of Miami Beach, FLOYD TRUSCOTT. TRUSCOTT resigned from this position on August 18, 1953, and of course [REDACTED] lost out at the same time. He is now unemployed and is attempting to obtain an investigative position in this area.

[REDACTED] was visibly disturbed by the allegations made by [REDACTED] during the alleged conversation in March, 1949. He said that it was impossible for him to understand why [REDACTED] would make such statements. He said several times during this interview that he has always had the highest admiration for the Director and the Bureau and that he always cooperated with the Agents of the Washington Field Office even though it was common knowledge that [REDACTED] was opposed to any such cooperation. He mentioned that he was at one time assigned to a squad car in the 8th Precinct and that he felt it was an honor to have the responsibility for protecting the Director's home. He indicated that on frequent occasions they would drive by the Director's home just to be sure that everything was all right. He also said that he wouldn't trust [REDACTED] "as far as I could throw a street car" and that [REDACTED] was the type of person who would "cut out your heart for a fast dollar."

At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED] repeated that the only time he ever discussed the Director with [REDACTED] was in December, 1948, as related above.

I would like to point out that [REDACTED] was fully cooperative during this interview and expressed considerable anxiety that the allegations made by [REDACTED] might effect our feelings and relations toward him. He appeared to be very sincere and forthright in his denial of the allegations made by [REDACTED] and I have no reason to believe that he was not telling the truth based on his recollection of his dealings with [REDACTED].

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 5, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO

H. J. Edgar
 SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF DIRECTOR'S FORWARDING ADDRESS
 FROM SEWARD SQUARE, S. E., TO 30TH PLACE, N. W.

Re telephone call from Mr. Crosby with reference to mail addressed to the Director at 413 Seward Square, S. E., Washington, D. C.

S. L. Lindamood, Foreman of Carriers, Main Post Office, which covers 413 Seward Square, S. E., caused a change of address to be made in the route book of the carriers covering the Seward Square address. Furthermore, Mr. Lindamood stated a desk used for sorting mail is known as a wicket. He prepared a Special Wicket Order which he placed in the wicket covering the Seward Square address. On this order he instructed that all mail addressed to the Director be forwarded from 413 Seward Square, S. E., to 30th Place, N. W., Washington 8, D. C.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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December 2, 1952

Honorable John P. Saylor
Member of Congress
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

My dear Congressman:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 26, 1952, in which you expressed the hope that my associates and I would be retained by the new administration.

Mr. Brownell's recent statement that he would desire me to continue as Director of the FBI was most gratifying and your expression of confidence means a great deal to me. It is indeed encouraging to receive a letter such as yours.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JOHN P. SAYLOR
TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

HOME ADDRESS
179 ORLANDO STREET
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.
November 26, 1952

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After each election, I, as well as every other successful candidate, receive many letters and telegrams of congratulations. Most of these letters and telegrams are a mere matter of form and are sent out indiscriminately.

However, when one receives a letter of congratulations such as the one I received from you, knowing you and the feeling expressed by you in your letter, I am indeed grateful.

It is in earnest hope that you and the men with whom you have associated yourself in the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be retained by Dwight D. Eisenhower and the new Attorney General not merely in the capacity that you have been retained in the past but that you may be permitted to perform the job for America that you are able to do, wanting to do, but prohibited from doing.

If there is any way which I can be of assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

John P. Saylor
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Honorable Joseph R. Bryson
Member of Congress
Greenville, South Carolina

J. K. Bryson

J. Edgar Hoover

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of November 25, 1952, has been received, and I certainly do appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted your communicating with me. Naturally, Mr. Brownell's statement of his desire for me to continue as Director of the FBI is most gratifying to me, and I hope that we in this Bureau always will discharge our responsibilities in such manner as to merit public approval.

I trust your Thanksgiving Holiday was enjoyable and that I will have the pleasure of seeing you in the not too distant future.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bryson was recently written to congratulate him upon being reelected to Congress.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.
Greenville, S. C.
November 25, 1952

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Director:

I am indebted to you for your word
of congratulations upon my being re-elected
to Congress. I am not surprised that General
Eisenhower, the President-Elect, the new Attorney
General and others in high places have already
requested that you continue in your present
position.

Looking forward to seeing you soon
and with kindest regards and best wishes for
a pleasant Thanksgiving, I am

Very respectfully,

Joseph R. Bryson

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December 3, 1952

Mr. Thomas V. ~~Wills~~ ^{Willa}, Sr.
8307 Delcrest Drive
University City 24, Missouri

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Willa:

I have received your very kind note of November 24, 1952.

I was very gratified by Mr. Brownell's statement that he would desire me to continue as Director of the FBI, and I sincerely appreciate receiving your thoughtful comments. I do hope that my administration of the FBI's activities will continue to merit your approval and support.

I want to thank you for your message of Holiday Greetings, and you have my best wishes for a New Year filled with every happiness.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

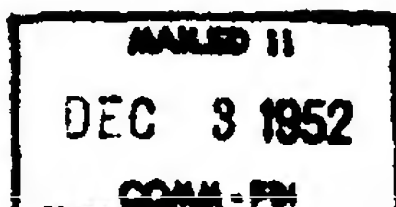
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NOTE: In December 1940 this individual wrote to the Bureau, requesting information on plant protection. At that time he was General Sales Manager for the Great Lakes Thread Company in Detroit. (94-3-6-7-13323). In November, 1948, this individual wrote to the Director regarding the Director's illness. One Thomas Willa, of 4402 Brush, Dearborn, Michigan, appeared on an old list of Communist Party members in Detroit, furnished to the Bureau by an informant in 1948. (Not known if identical) 100-3-68-721-7)

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On two previous occasions I have written you. Once from Detroit to compliment your Department on a brochure on plant protection and on the other occasion from Mexico, Missouri during your illness.

There are millions of Americans who are no less grateful than I am for the magnificent tasks which you have performed for our Nation so consistently and for so long and so I would like you to consider this as coming from me and from those who share my feeling of security in your hands and my appreciation to you but who do not have the time or the inclination to express it to you.

These same millions, and they represent the great majority, are, I am sure, happy to know that Mr. Brownell and our great President Elect are on our "team."

With this letter comes my warmest good wishes for your continued Health, Happiness and a Happy Holiday Season.

Most sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Mills, Sr.

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J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover Likely to Keep Job

Friends Say He'll Stay if Eisenhower Wants Him

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (UP) — J. Edgar Hoover will remain as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation if President-elect Eisenhower and the new Attorney General agree to keep him in the government today.

It was considered a foregone conclusion that the fifty-seven-year-old FBI chief is one top Washington official whom Gen. Eisenhower will retain. Mr. Hoover, director of the Bureau since 1924, has served under Republican as well as Democratic Presidents.

While Mr. Hoover would not discuss plans, others said he has no intention of retiring and will stay on the job if asked to do so.

Unlike many other high government officials, Mr. Hoover does not have his post by Presidential appointment and Senate confirmation. He is named by the Attorney General and is responsible only to the chief of the Bureau.

Gen. Eisenhower has not yet said who he will name as head of the Justice Department or as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Hoover started with Republican President Fiske State in 1924 and continued to the present with President John F. Kennedy.

With the new Administration, Mr. Hoover will be starting his twenty-fourth year as head of the FBI.

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December 2, 1952

Mr. H. E. Cook
Director
Federal Deposit Insurance
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National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cook:

Your letter of November 26, 1952, has been received, and I certainly do appreciate your kind comments. Naturally, the desire of the new Administration to have me remain as Director of the FRI is most gratifying to me, and I hope that the activities of this Bureau will always merit public confidence.

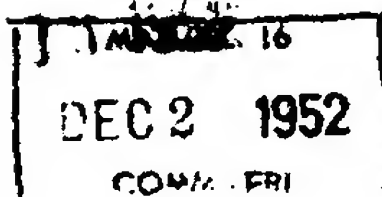
I am indeed happy to know that Mr. Dinsmore is performing so satisfactorily in your office, and I trust that I may soon have the pleasure of meeting you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Cook called at the Director's office on 2-22-52 and, when informed of the Director's absence, talked with Mr. Winterrowd regarding insurance matters. Following this discussion, he wrote a very cordial thank-you letter to Mr. Winterrowd.

John N. Dinsmore EOP as SA 11-10-41 and voluntarily resigned 3-28-52, while in GS-13, to enter private industry. He is now Assistant to the Director at FDIC.

RHD:bjc *bjc*





DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1952

Mr. Tolson ✓
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Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
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Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It gave to all of us here in the Corporation the greatest of satisfaction to see the announcement that President-elect Eisenhower had requested you to remain as head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That is altogether fitting and proper for it is through your efforts and your ability that the Bureau has been built to its present state of high efficiency. I know of no other organization in the government with a higher degree of morale and record of accomplishment than the FBI.

As you know, it is my privilege to have your former associate, Mr. Joe Binmore, work with me. His work is outstanding, his loyalty unquestioned, and his ability to handle situations in connection with banking is most commendable.

I trust that it will not be long until I can meet you in person and discuss things of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

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H. E. Cook
Director

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December 3, 1952

Mr. Edwin B. ~~Meissner~~
President and General Manager
St. Louis Car Company
St. Louis, Missouri

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Meissner:

Thank you very much for your congratulatory
note of November 24, 1952.

I was gratified, of course, by Mr. Brownell's
statement that he would desire me to continue as
Director of the FBI, and it was most thoughtful of you
to comment regarding my administration of the FBI's
activities. Your expression of best wishes is deeply
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Reference card maintained in files of Director's
Office reflects this individual in 1944 was President
and Gen. Manager of the St. Louis Car Company and Vice-Pres.
of the Police Commission of St. Louis. On 6-3-44 he
came in to see the Director and stated he was a personal
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 Miss Gandy

Dear Edgar Hoover:-

Was pleased to read Associated Press report to the effect that you have been asked to continue as FBI Director. It is fervently hoped that you will remain in the important post you have so outstandingly fulfilled. As a matter of fact, I know of no one who could even nearly approach the fine record you have written.

Best wishes and personal regards.

Sincerely,

Edwin B. Meissner
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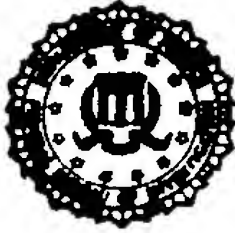
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent, of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent. I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

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The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

NAME _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

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(Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover)

Very truly yours,

(Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover)
Special Agent
Director

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

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December 1, 1952

Mr. Samuel ~~B~~Cramer
330 Columbia Street
Conoco, New York

Dear Mr. Cramer:

Thank you very much for your
thoughtful letter of November 22, 1952.

I was gratified by Mr. Brownell's
statement that he desires me to continue
as Director of the FBI. Your kind comments
are sincerely appreciated and all of us in
the FBI hope that we will continue to merit
your support.

Sincerely yours,

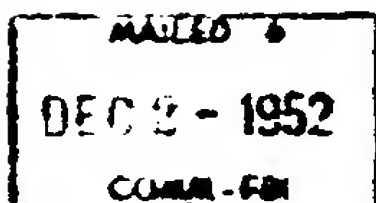
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Cohoes, New York

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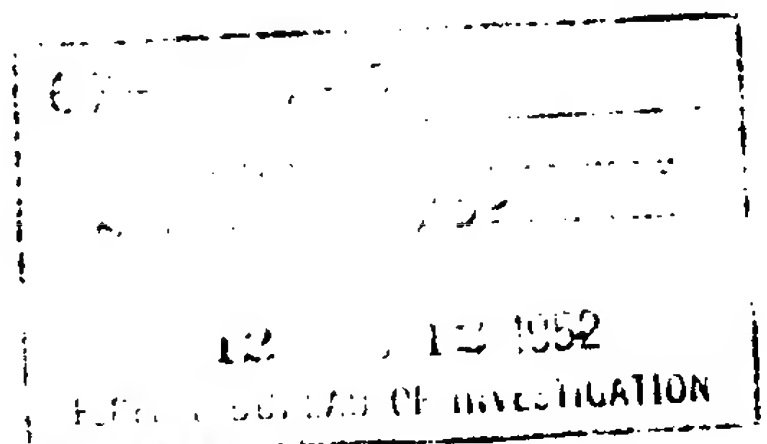
Congratulation's on your being retained as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Your retention to head that extremely important agency will insure its continuing to be a fair, honest, and efficient bulwark of Democracy in our death struggle with communism.

Your disappointment in being blocked in carrying out your plans by the officials over you, must have been frustrating in the ~~high~~ degree. It is evident that the authorities over the past years have hamstrung your efforts to run the country and the government of the diabolical threat of communism.

The inauguration of President-Elect Eisenhower on Jan. 20, will herald the advent of a moral government to head this great country of ours. Thank God you will be a part of it.

Sincerely

/s/Samuel B. Cramer



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Gentlemen:

I have received your letter postmarked
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The data reflected in the proof you
submitted is correct, and I am returning it
herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Biographical data regarding the Director
checked by Bureau library and found to be accurate.
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SILVER SPRING PATROL HEROES CITED—Kathleen [unclear]
 (left) and Opal Lee Triplett receive School Safety Patrol atten-
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J. Edgar Hoover

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Two Silver Spring Sixth Graders Honored for Patrol Heroism

Two sixth-graders from the Silver Spring School District were honored for their heroic actions when they heard the bus crash into a tree and saved a child from being crushed.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the American Automobile Association, presented the awards.

The children are Keith C. Cline, 11, and Opal Lee, 12.

Keith is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Cline of Cokesville, Md. The father is pastor of the Cokesville Methodist Church.

Opal Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Trickett, 14th Seminary road, Silver Spring.

Five Others Honored

Five other young patrol members from other schools were also honored for their heroic actions in the fall.

Opal Lee goes to Woodlawn School in Silver Spring. She had a hard time hearing, but there was nothing wrong with her eyes.

Last October she was on School Safety Patrol duty at Linden Lane and Warren roads in Silver Spring. A 5-year-old schoolmate was

aware of a truck heading down the road. The truck driver didn't see her, but Opal Lee did. She ran to the child and pulled her out of the path of the truck, which barely missed her.

Saved at Bus Stop

Keith saved a child and a dog in a similar situation. He was sitting at the Cokesville Elementary School bus stop. A 6-year-old child and a dog were in the intersection of Main and Center streets.

An auto was coming down the road and the child and dog were in the way. Keith ran to the child and dog and pulled them out of the path of the car.

The other four were honored last year. They are: Keith Cline, 11, of Cokesville; Ronald H. H. 14, of Cokesville; Robert R. 12, of Cokesville; and Charles A. 12, of Cokesville. All are members of the Silver Spring School Safety Patrol Association.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *✓*

FROM : E. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Director's Biographical Sketch
Short Form

DATE: July 6, 1950

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Attached is a revised copy of the Director's Biographical Sketch which has been brought up to date.

Four changes have been made.

In the first paragraph the Honorary Degree from Marquette University has been added.

The last paragraph of the April 1, 1950, sketch concerning the De Molay Grand Council has been added to the fourth paragraph to save space.

The Grand Lodge of New York medal received on May 2 has been added.

The Golden Keystone Award from the Boys Clubs of America, received on May 18, 1950, has been added.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

July 10, 1950

John Edgar Hoover was born January 1, 1895, in the District of Columbia. He was educated in the public schools of the District of Columbia and received LL.B. and LL.M. Degrees from George Washington University. He holds Honorary Degrees from George Washington University, Pennsylvania Military College, New York University, Drake University, Westminster College, Oklahoma Baptist University, Georgetown University, Notre Dame University, St. John's University Law School, Rutgers University, the University of Arkansas, Seton Hall College, Holy Cross College and Marquette University. He holds an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science from Kalamazoo College and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Laws from the University of the South.

Mr. Hoover entered the Department of Justice in 1917, and in 1919, was appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General. From 1921 until 1924 he served as Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation and in May, 1924, he was named Director.

Mr. Hoover is a member of the Masonic Order; Kappa Alpha Fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa; Delta Theta Phi; Alpha Phi Omega, and Zeta Sigma Pi. He is a member of many national and state-wide law enforcement associations. He is a trustee of the George Washington University; a trustee of the National Presbyterian Church; a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C.; a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys' Clubs of America; a member of the National Committee on Public Relations of the Boy Scouts of America; and an Active Member of the Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay.

He has been admitted to practice law before the bar of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Claims, and the United States Supreme Court.

On March 8, 1946, Mr. Hoover was presented the Medal of Merit by the President of the United States. On October 27, 1949, he was awarded the "Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal" by the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

On May 2, 1950, Mr. Hoover received the Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement from the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M. of the State of New York.

On May 18, 1950, former President Herbert Hoover presented Mr. J. Edgar Hoover with the Golden Keystone Award of the Boys' Clubs of America.

ENCLOSURE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 1, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: , wa.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated March 26, 1952, in the above-captioned matter. You will recall that was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office following his comment to another individual "Have you heard that the Director is a queer?" You will further recall that has been employed for eleven years by the National Labor Relations Board. In this regard you instructed the Liaison Unit to bring this matter to the attention of the proper officials of the National Labor Relations Board.

Mr. Paul M. Herzog is Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. He returned to Washington on March 31, 1952, from Puerto Rico. Immediately upon his return Mr. Herzog was contacted by Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Unit, who briefed him concerning this matter.

Mr. Herzog was most appreciative of being advised concerning one of his employees. He advised that he desired Mr. Bartlett to relate to you his embarrassment due to one of his "stupid employee's gossip." Mr. Herzog stated that he and his family stayed at the same hotel with you in La Jolla, California, last summer and that he has the highest respect for you and the entire FBI.

Mr. Herzog stated that he will pull the personnel file of and will make a decision at a later date as to what action he will take in this matter. Mr. Herzog again thanked Mr. Bartlett for coming directly to him in this matter and asked specifically that his regards be passed on to you.

ACTION:

For your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 24, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

Supervisor Roy E. Wood advised me today that he eats lunch frequently at [REDACTED], that [REDACTED] of the place is a man named [REDACTED] who has become acquainted with Wood by reason of his eating there regularly.

[REDACTED] advised Wood today that Saturday he had attended as a guest a dance at the Coral Ballroom, which is over the Coral Theater. This is listed in the phone book at 4703 Marlboro Pike, Coral Hills. This dance was put on by a social group known as the Sportsmen's Club. Also a guest at this dance, but not a member of the club, was one [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. This individual has a wife, [REDACTED], who works at the Pentagon.

During the course of the evening, [REDACTED] in a conversation with [REDACTED] asked him where he worked. He advised him that he [REDACTED] at 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue. [REDACTED] asked him if this was not near the FBI and [REDACTED] stated that it was. [REDACTED] then asked if he knew any of the fellows at the FBI, to which [REDACTED] stated that several of them ate lunch at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then stated "Have you heard that the Director is a queer?" [REDACTED] stated that he had never heard any such allegation and queried [REDACTED] as to where he had heard such a story. [REDACTED] allegedly stated that a couple of his friends from Baltimore, who are dancing teachers, had told him so.

I have asked Supervisor Wood to recontact [REDACTED] as soon as possible to endeavor to obtain more information as to the identity of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and as soon as this information is received I will arrange to have [REDACTED] thoroughly interviewed in order that we might run down the source of his information and in turn contact these persons in Baltimore in order that they may be vigorously set straight.

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Right

Run this down promptly

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Mr. Ladd:

Because I have a lecture of four hours in the morning 3/25/52 at the Old Post office, it seemed advisable to attempt to get the information you desired, regarding our conversation, this evening and prepare it in this manner.

Some time was spent in a recontact with [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED], but he had no information of value which would lead to the identity of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] says this man [REDACTED] was at the dance as the invited guest of one of the members of the Sportsmen's Club, and he had no idea as to the identity of this member. About all [REDACTED] could furnish was the statement that he would recognize [REDACTED] if he were to see him again and that he recalls [REDACTED] said he taught "Latin dancing".

From [REDACTED] previous information and recollection as to [REDACTED] being a member of a Dancing Masters Group I ascertained via a pretense call to the Thayer LeRoy Dance Studios, 1644 Conn. Ave., CO 5400, that this studio is the headquarters of the Dancing Masters of America, Incorporated, that they at one time had working for them a [REDACTED] as an instructor and that he had been a member of the above organization. Evidently [REDACTED] still has some friendly affiliation with the studio because the group for which I was calling could obtain his teaching services by giving to the studio the name and number of the individual interested and they would contact [REDACTED], but that he had requested his number not be given out. [REDACTED] works during the day for the "government" but they claim they do not know the department or agency nor where he can be reached. The studio was not pressed for fear of exciting too much interest.

The D/C telephone directory lists only three [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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It would appear that if our man has a telephone, and the dance studio most certainly indicated he did have and it is listed, he would most probably be the one residing in Arlington, Va.

This latter is strictly a guess.

Respectfully,

Roy Wood

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ENCLOSURE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: March 26, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED], wa [REDACTED]
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Gandy	✓

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 24, 1952, advising that Supervisor Roy E. Wood had been informed by an employee of a local bakery that the captioned individual had made a comment to him, "Have you heard that the Director is a queer?" In accordance with your instructions the Washington Field Office was instructed to conduct an immediate investigation for the purpose of identifying the individual responsible for this comment and to ascertain the full circumstances.

Through appropriate inquiry it was ascertained by Special Agents K. T. Delavigne and T. J. Jenkins of the Washington Field Office that the individual who made this comment to [REDACTED] an employee of [REDACTED] is [REDACTED], who resides in Apartment [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Avenue, N. W., and is employed as a budget examiner at the National Labor Relations Board where he has been employed for the past 11 years.

[REDACTED] N. W., and in this regard has used the professional name [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence by the above-mentioned Agents during the evening of March 25. He admitted that he had attended the Sportsmen's Club dance which was given last Saturday evening in the ballroom over the Coral Theater on Marlboro Pike. He stated he attended this dance with his wife [REDACTED] with friends named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who reside at [REDACTED] Avenue, S. E. He was unable to recall the informant in this case, [REDACTED] by name but stated he did recall that the individual [REDACTED] directly across the street from the Justice Building was at the same table with him and his wife as well as the [REDACTED] couple.

At the point the Agents were satisfied as to the correct identity of this individual, he was directly questioned as to whether he had made any comment concerning you while in attendance at this dance, and admitted that he had. While in discussion with [REDACTED] asked him, "Isn't it true that Mr. Hoover is a queer?"

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He specifically denied having made the statement that you are a pervert and maintained he discussed this only in the form of the question indicated. He was vigorously interrogated as to why he was prompted to ask this question. He advised he had no clear recollection as to the reasons therefor but informed that apparently the thought merely entered his mind upon his ascertaining that [redacted] worked in the vicinity of the Justice Building and upon further learning through gossiping with [redacted] that a substantial number of FBI employees come into his place of business in order to eat. On the basis of the interrogation he informed that he is completely unable to recall the identity of the person who made such a statement to him which might serve as the basis for the question indicated. He stated that he is positive that the information was not furnished to him recently and in his opinion certainly predated by a considerable time his marriage to his wife [redacted], which occurred in 1948.

He was vigorously questioned as to his explanation to [redacted] that the basis for his question was information furnished by a couple of his friends from Baltimore who are dancing teachers. He stated he does not recall having made this statement to [redacted]; that if he made such a statement, he was telling an untruth. He advised that he knows only two individuals in Baltimore in any way connected with the dancing profession and stated these two individuals are the only ones he has ever known from that area. He stated one individual is [redacted], who, with an unknown partner, operates a school of ballet in Baltimore, the business name of which is unknown to him. In connection with these two individuals he stated he is positive that neither of them ever made any comment to him of the nature concerned with this inquiry.

When pressed further as to the source of his alleged information he mentioned a [redacted] of [redacted] Avenue, N. W., telephone [redacted], and also the name of [redacted]. In connection with [redacted] he stated that at one time this individual operated a dance studio in Washington and several years ago went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he is employed in a dance studio, the name of which is unknown to [redacted]. When pressed as to his reasons for mentioning the names of [redacted] and [redacted] he stated he was doing so in his efforts to assist the Bureau in tying down the source of this rumor. He advised he had no specific recollection that either of these individuals had been the source of his information and stated he was furnishing their names only because he had either worked or associated with them prior to 1948.

Because of the vigorous interrogation to which [redacted] was subjected, he appeared to be badly frightened. Despite this, it was not felt that he was being truthful as to the source of his information. [redacted] was noted to be a rather weak type of individual and it is entirely possible that there is no real source for his information and that the question he asked was merely conjured up in his own mind because of warped thinking on his own part and in his efforts to make conversation with [redacted]. As an indication of this type of thinking on his part, at one point during the interview he stated that from somewhere within the recesses of his mind, he recalls having heard the statement that you could be found almost any evening at the Mayflower Hotel in company with a young boy. He professed to be unable to furnish any details whatsoever as to the origin or source of this statement.

[redacted] advised that he had never made statements of this type under investigation to anyone prior to last Saturday. His wife, whose presence he insisted on having during the interview, advised she did not hear him make the statement concerned and she informed she has never heard him engage in this type of discussion at any time previously. When she was questioned in this regard Mrs. [redacted] stated she vaguely recalls her husband mentioning having heard a rumor such as that involved sometime prior to their marriage in 1948. She informed that as best as she can recall, he merely made passing reference to the rumor and no detailed discussion followed and she advised that this subject matter has never been discussed by her husband and her since that time or by her husband with others in her presence. Mrs. [redacted] advised that she is employed in the Public Information Service, Department of the Army, Pentagon Building, and formerly worked as a dancing instructress at the Thayer Dance Studio.

During the interview with [redacted] his criminal and civil liability for the making of such statements were clearly and forcefully pointed out to him. It was pointed out to him that in making such comments without the slightest foundation or basis he was engaging in an outrageous lack of consideration and common decency and was maligning and attempting to injure the character of an individual far his superior. He stated he now realizes that he had been completely wrong in engaging in this type of gossip, agreed that his comments were completely without basis and gave his positive and definite assurance that there would be no recurrence. He was informed that immediate and positive action would be taken if it again came to your attention that he was engaging in this type of gossip.

During the inquiry it was ascertained that the files of the Washington Police Department contained no criminal record pertaining to the subject or his wife. These files do contain a record of approximately 9 traffic violations which are believed to pertain to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was asked directly whether he himself is a pervert and vigorously denied this to be true.

On the basis of the foregoing it does not appear desirable to pursue this investigation further and it is felt that [REDACTED] has been vigorously set straight and will not engage in this type of gossip in the future.

A check of the Bureau files reflects a loyalty form was received on [REDACTED], who is identical with this subject. This form was stamped and returned to the Civil Service Commission on [REDACTED], showing no disloyal data in the FBI files. At that time [REDACTED] was employed by the National Labor Relations Board.

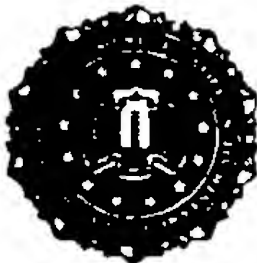
There is also a record in the Bureau files of an investigation of [REDACTED] involving larceny of two Kodak cameras from the United States Army Post Exchange in Washington. The subject admitted the thefts in this case and an information was filed in the United States branch of the Police Court on [REDACTED]. On the same date he entered a plea of guilty and on [REDACTED], was sentenced to one year, which sentence was suspended and the subject was placed on probation. The fingerprint record reflecting this arrest and reflecting his employment with the National Labor Relations Board is attached hereto.

Attachment

I suggest [REDACTED]
activities be reported
thru liaison to
proper official of
National Labor
Relations Board

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Name _____ Estate _____ Relationship _____ Date 3-18-52
Address 4936 30TH PLACE N.W. WASHINGTON, DC.

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name _____ Estate _____ Relationship _____ Date 3-18-52
Address SAME AS ABOVE

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 13, 1951

The attached was sent to the
Director from the Industrial
Sports Journal, 202 S. State Street,
Chicago 4, Illinois.

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Alden _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Laughlin _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Mohr _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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July 20, 1951

Mr. Amos A. Castle
Industrial Sports Journal
202 South State Street
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Mr. Castle:

With a great deal of pleasure I received on July 13, 1951, the Citation for Service to American Industrial Manpower conferred upon me by the Industrial Sports Journal.

I have long recognized the value of encouraging employees' participation in recreational activities, and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for this Citation.

It will be appreciated if you convey my thanks in this regard to Mr. Chet La Roche and to the members of the Editorial Board.

Sincerely yours,

Walter D. Woychik

cc - Chicago

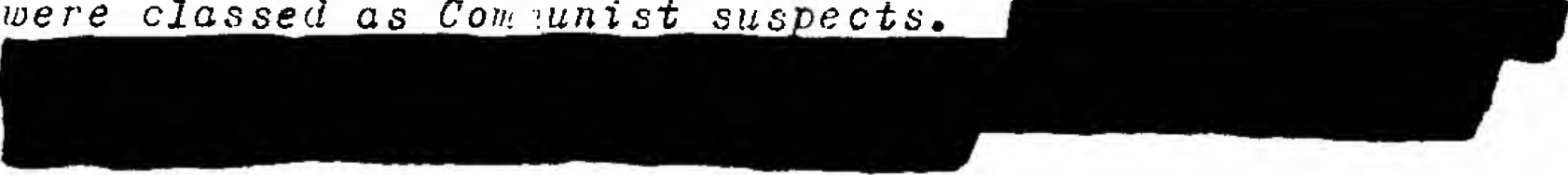
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NOTE: This correspondent on September 2, 1939, furnished information concerning [redacted] who at the time was subject of an espionage case. Mr. Castle was thanked for furnishing this information. Bureau file 65-709-5. On February 12, 1942, [redacted] furnished a sheet entitled "Wired Information for Civilians," which he felt was suspicious in nature. (100-7145-10) On May 19, 1951, a letter was directed to this correspondent thanking him for his generous comments concerning the Director's efforts on behalf of the youth of our nation and his program designed to curb juvenile delinquency. This correspondent had suggested the Director's name for consideration in

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connection with the NABF Merit Award. (94-41309-8)
Bureau file 94-4309 reflects very cordial correspondence
with Mr. Castle. In the past statements have been for-
warded to him for publication in the Industrial Sports
Journal. This journal is distributed to persons in charge
of recreational activities in industry, branches of the
military services, government agencies, and municipalities.
A check by our Chicago Office failed to disclose any
derogatory information concerning Mr. Castle as of 1949.
It is believed that "NABF" referred to above are the initials
for the National Amateur Baseball Federation. Bureau
file 100-3-4-181 reflects a letter dated March 4, 1941,
directed by the Chicago Office to the Bureau. In this
letter there was enclosed a list of approximately 5,000
names which was received from the offices of ONI in Chicago.
The Chicago Division advised there was no further infor-
mation as to the origin of the list or the means used in
securing the names. The Chicago Office could furnish
no further facts to the reason why the named individuals
were classed as Communist suspects.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

DATE: April 3, 1951

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Major Francis N. Sgourdeos, the Assistant Military Attache of the Royal Greek Embassy, came in to see me after he had brought a visitor in to take a tour. He has been over here before to bring visitors. He stated that he wished to discuss a matter very informally and confidentially.

Sgourdeos stated that his government has been very conscious of the great work which the Director has done over the years and of the Director's friendship with several Greek people. He stated his government wishes in some way to give recognition to this and to that end King Paul would like to confer one of the highest decorations of the Greek Government upon the Director; however, they did not want to embarrass the Director by taking any action which would not meet with the Director's approval. Sgourdeos was wondering if I could give him any guidance on whether the Director would accept such a medal.

He stated that he wished to be very honest, that there have been a couple of instances wherein high staff officers of the Army and the Navy have indicated that they preferred not to receive the decoration because of the difficulties General Vaughn became involved in in accepting the decoration of the Argentine government.

I told the Major that I would like to think about this and would communicate with him later.

Among recipients of this decoration have been General Vandenberg of the Air Force, General Eisenhower, General Marshall and others.

I frankly do not know what the situation is. I have advised to the contrary, I will have our liaison Agent make an informal check at the State Department as to the advisability of accepting such a decoration.

CC: Jones

CC: Liaison

LBN:mb

mem. to Director
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In view of the unsettled conditions in Greece, I suggest this matter be held in abeyance for the present 4-4

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 19, 1951

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: DECORATION FOR THE DIRECTOR
FROM THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

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The attached memorandum reflects the desire of King Paul of Greece to confer upon you one of his highest medals. This desire of the King was referred to the Bureau by the Assistant Military Attache of the Royal Greek Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Roach has checked with Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Deputy Undersecretary for Political Affairs, concerning the advisability of accepting such a medal at this time. He informed Mr. Roach that the State Department was delighted to hear of the desire of King Paul and stated that it would be very helpful to further cement relations between this Government and Greece if you did accept the decoration.

ACTION:

If you concur, Mr. Nichols, who received the original inquiry from the Greek Embassy, will proceed with the necessary arrangements and you will be kept informed of developments.

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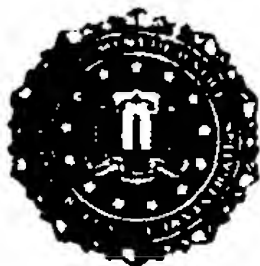
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ADDENDUM: LBN:mb 4/20/51 I called Major Sgourdos at the Greek Embassy and told him that upon further reflection it was felt that Mr. Hoover would be highly honored to receive the decoration which he had discussed with me.

CC: Mr. Jones

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**United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.**



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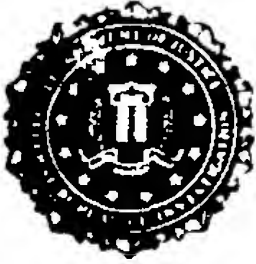
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
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Name Estate Relationship _____ Date _____
Address _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

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1. NAME (MR., MISS, MRS., FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST) J. EDGAR HOOVER		2. DATE OF BIRTH 1-1-1895	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO. F.B.I. 3490 J-30	4. DATE 6-30-50
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:				
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) Promotion		6. EFFECTIVE DATE 7-1-50	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY	
FROM		TO		
Director		Director		
\$16,000 per annum		\$20,000 per annum		
Director's office		same		
D. C.		same		
FIELD		DEPARTMENTAL		
12. FIELD OR DEPT'L		FIELD		
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13. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE		14. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION		
NONE 5 PT. 10 POINT WWII WWI OTHER		NEW VICE L. A. REAL		
DISAB. WIFE WIDOW				
15. SEX		16. RACE		17. APPROPRIATION S. & E. FBI
				FROM: same
				TO:
		18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES-NO)		19. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)
		YES		
				20. LEGAL RESIDENCE
				Washington, D. C.
REMARKS				
Pursuant to Public Law 75) and also Public Law 505 and 627. The provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 and/or the selective service extension act of 1950 have been complied with.				
SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION				

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 7, 1950

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
SHORT FORM

J. E. HOOVER

Attached is a revised copy of the Director's Biographical sketch which has been brought up to date.

The only change made is the addition of the De Molay honor shown in the last paragraph. *APR 27 1950 561-273*

If approved, a small supply of these will be retained in the Crime Records Section.

Attachment

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 1, 1950

John Edgar Hoover was born January 1, 1895, in the District of Columbia. He was educated in the public schools of the District of Columbia and received LL.B and LL.M Degrees from George Washington University. He holds Honorary Degrees from George Washington University, Pennsylvania Military College, New York University, Drake University, Westminster College, Oklahoma Baptist University, Georgetown University, Notre Dame University, St. John's University Law School, Rutgers University, the University of Arkansas, Seton Hall College and Holy Cross College. He holds an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science from Kalamazoo College and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Laws from the University of the South.

Mr. Hoover entered the Department of Justice in 1917, and in 1919, was appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General. From 1921 until 1924 he served as Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation and in May, 1924, he was named Director.

Mr. Hoover is a member of the Masonic Order; Kappa Alpha Fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa; Delta Theta Phi; Alpha Phi Omega, and Zeta Sigma Pi. He is a member of many national and state-wide law enforcement associations.

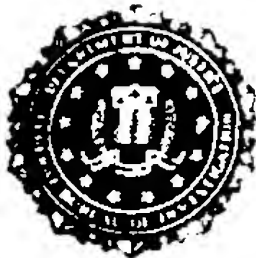
He is a trustee of the George Washington University; a trustee of the National Presbyterian Church; a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C.; a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys' Clubs of America; and a member of the National Committee on Public Relations of the Boy Scouts of America.

He has been admitted to practice law before the bar of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Claims, and the United States Supreme Court.

On March 8, 1946, Mr. Hoover was presented the Medal of Merit by the President of the United States.

On October 27, 1949, Mr. Hoover was awarded the "Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal" by the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

On March 6, 1950, Mr. Hoover was elected as an Active Member of the Grand Council of the Order of De Molay. ~~It is a Life Tenure.~~



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 3-10-50
Address _____

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 3-10-50
Address _____

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE February 23, 1950

FROM : H. A. *mrh*

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

J. E. HOOVER

There is attached a copy of the Director's biographical sketch which has been brought up to date as of March 1, 1950.

The only changes made were substituting the Theodore Roosevelt award for the British award and rearranging the paragraphs so that they would be in better chronological sequence.

If approved, a sufficient quantity will be printed up to be retained in the Crime Records Section.

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